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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed from the Patent Office on December 19, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. The Office Action Summary page indicated that the status of the Detailed Action as "non-final." However, page 3 of the Action, at item 4, indicated that "THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL." Applicants' undersigned representative contacted the Examiner on January 13, 2004 and requested that the Examiner correct the error as to status of the rejections in the Office Action, i.e., "final" or "non-final." On January 14, 2004, Applicants' undersigned representative received from the Examiner via facsimile transmission a revised Office Action Summary page clarifying the status of the Action was "final." However, the communication from the Examiner did not indicate that the time period for response to the Action had been restarted from the date of the correction of the Office Action.

Pursuant to MPEP 710.06, Applicants hereby request that the three-month time period for the response to the Action be restarted from the date the error regarding the status of the rejections in the Office Action was corrected, i.e., January 14, 2004. Applicants note that the error was brought to the

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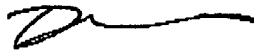
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attention of the Patent Office within one month of the mailing date of the Action, in accordance with MPEP 710.06. Official confirmation from the Examiner that the time period for response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2003 has been restarted as of January 14, 2004 is respectfully requested.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this Communication, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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